1	2	3
18.	Nagaland	68.83
19.	Orissa	1322.94
20.	Punjab	56.9
21.	Rajasthan	630.46
22.	Sikkim	44.91
23.	Tripura	35.87
24.	Tamil Nadu	117.53
25.	Uttar Pradesh	3115.01
26.	Uttarakhand	651.36
27.	West Bengal	1131.93
	TOTAL:	15914.28

Regulation of news content on television

*157. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to regulate the content of television news channels or to create an independent autonomous body to look into all aspects of the broadcasting sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The Government had constituted a committee for reviewing the Programme and Advertising Code (Content Code) prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder, which has submitted its report and made recommendations in the form of draft 'Self-regulation Guidelines for the Broadcasting Sector (2008)' which is available on the Ministry's website *http://mib.gov.in* under the heading "Code and Guidelines". The Government is in the process of holding consultations with all concerned stakeholders to arrive at broad consensus on the recommendations of the Committee. The process of consultation is going on.

So far as, creation of independent autonomous body to look into all aspect of Broadcasting Sector is concerned, it is mentioned that the Ministry in the year 2007 had put up a proposal to set up a Broadcasting Regulatory Authority of India by enactment of a Legislation for ensuring orderly growth of broadcasting services. The Draft of the Broadcasting Services Regulation Bill, 2007, which is available on this Ministry's website *interalia* provides terms of reference, objectives and composition of the proposed Authority. However, concerns have been

expressed by various sections in the media with respect to the need, scope, functional and financial autonomy and independent functioning of the proposed Regulator.

The Ministry has initiated wide ranging consultations with stakeholders for arriving at a consensus on this issue. The Ministry has already held consultations with Indian Broadcasting Foundation, Multi System Operator (MSO) Alliance, News Broadcasters Association (NBA), Broadcast Editors Association (BEA) and the Cable Operators Federation of India (COFI).

Alienation of tribal lands

*158. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI R.C. SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 15 member Committee was constituted to examine the issues relating to alienation of tribal lands, including traditional rights of the forest dependent tribals, in Chhattisgarh and to suggest realistic measures;

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) No Committee has been constituted by this Ministry to examine the issues relating to alienation of tribal lands, including traditional rights of the forest dependent tribals in Chhattisgarh and to suggest realistic measures.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Control on news affecting criminal investigation

*159. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any law to control the telecast or publication of any news which would affect the criminal investigation or trial of criminal cases;

(b) if so, the existing guidelines to control the media in this context; and

(c) whether Government has any statistics with regard to the number of cases in which action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) There is no provision for pre-censorship of the programmes telecast by Private TV channels. However, all the Private TV Channels are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. This Ministry has constituted an Inter Ministerial Committee to look into